

Politics & the campaign

Governor's visit more than politics

Shame on you!

Did you mention last week that Gov. Beasley was invited to Lexington Middle School by CATS (Character Action Team for Students), a group of volunteers to promote citizenship and morale values? No.

Did you mention that over half the student body participated in a contest to sit on the panel to ask the governor questions? No.

Did you mention that many questions the governor answered were directly related to the importance of being a good citizen, making good grades, and making good-lifestyle choices? No.

Did you mention the governor gave his time to teenagers not yet of voting age? No.

What would our community do if one of our local school principals acted like our President? Where do we look to show our children what's proper?

You had the chance to report on something positive. You turned it into politics as usual.

Judi McLeod, Lexington

How did your official vote?

As a member of the American Association of University Women, I am writing to remind women that it is essential to learn how their members of Congress have voted on issues important to them.

With congressional elections two weeks away, AAUW believes women should learn how their members of Congress voted on issues such as reproductive choice, equity in education, and affirmative action. For example, during the 105th Congress, Reps. Clyburn, Spratt, and Sanford voted against the Riggs Amendment to the Higher Education Amendments. This amendment would have banned affirmative action in public college and university admissions, making it harder for women to pursue degrees in math, science, and engineering.

The Riggs Amendment is just one of many attempts to challenge or repeal the rights of women. AAUW urges women to get involved by calling 800/608-5286 or visiting www.aauw.org.

As election day approaches, women should voice their opinions on the issues. It is important that women focus on the issues at stake. The vote of one woman can make a difference.

Dorothy F. Tunstall, Lexington